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I am very concerned with the recent news that the NAB (Petition 04-160) intends to infringe on my right to have traffic and weather "on-demand" whenever I need it. This feature can ONLY be provided by satellite radio at this time. It is an excellent service and I depend on it daily. Also, the ability to monitor traffic and weather conditions in other major cities is also a great asset to me when i am preparing to travel to another city. I can easily and immediately know what kind of conditions to plan for as i am preparing for my trip. XM's traffic and weather reports for all major cities is something that the broadcast media does not offer today. The broadcast media's attempts at providing so-called travelers' forcasts have been woefully inadequate. Of course, the broadcast media has no feature will allows me to anticipate traffic conditions at my destination city. I will also note that the attempts by the local(Detroit) broadcast media to deliver traffic and weather numerous times during the hour have been disappointing. Their delivery sometimes is presented in a rather casual and undisciplined manner. I need data, and fast, not a lot of useless chit chat!

Satellite radio, and specifically XM, is providing a vital service. To eliminate it would be a great loss to me, but more importantly, it would be a serious infringement on my rights to choose my own programming. In my view, the FCC has gone too far already in other areas of the broadcast media in restricting this right. Let's keep from sliding further "down the slope" and stop this movement now! Ron Sheets